

## Store Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all of the Members of the Community Store who came to the well- attended annual meeting. If you are not yet a member, you can apply to become a shareholder (£5 per share). Please ask at the shop.

## Leavers and Joiners

A big thank you to Charlotte who has now finished working on late Friday afternoons so she can focus on her A-Level exams. We wish her all of the best in her exams and when she takes up her university place.

And a big hello to Dave Burco. Dave has been working a lot of hours voluntarily at the shop and is now "up to speed" and can run a shift on his own. Thanks very much Dave.

If you would also like to volunteer, we would love to hear from you. We can offer you a regular shift or you could be one of our standby volunteers and fill in when we are short-staffed, whichever suits you.

Please contact Liz Lyon on 23070 or call in at the store for a chat.

## Fresh Meat, Fruit and Vegetable Orders

We have noticed a significant increase in sales of chilled goods and chilled meat over the last 18 months. As a result you might find we now have a better range. You can also order fresh meat from the shop and we will place the order with Else's of Stalbridge you buy at the same price as in their shop. Orders can be placed the day before for deliveries on Tuesdays or Fridays.

You can order fruit and vegetables by placing your order before 1 pm the day before you wish to collect.

Thank you to those who donate fresh fruit, vegetables, plants and flowers for the shop to sell. This helps deal with surplus produce, support the shop and extend the choice of fresh produce to other villagers. We shall soon have an outside stall to house additional produce which will hopefully keep the produce fresher for longer.

## Ice Creams and Cool Drinks

We have a great range of popular ice creams and chilled drinks. Just the job when you find the weather getting just a little too hot. Our patio is there for you to use - why not buy a cold drink or coffee and settle down for a chat with your friends. We have parasols which can be erected if you need some shade.

## Volunteers BBQ

The shop is again holding a summer barbecue for volunteers, staff, their partners and those who have helped us in other ways. It will be held at 6pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July on the patio or inside the shop if the weather is inclement. Please put the date in your diary.



## Are You One of Our Customers?

Well, thank you very much for supporting the community shop. It is not just the staff and volunteers who keep the shop going, it is each customer too! Every sale helps the shop continue to provide a service for you. We aim to keep our prices as competitive as possible and some are lower than in Sainsbury's or Dikes. Our best selling lines include:

Sun Cottage breakfast cereals

Woodbridge Farm Blue Vinney

Dorset Honey (from bees near Stourton Caundle)

## Not One of Our Customers?

Ours is a community shop run only for the benefit of the community. We would dearly like to hear from you if you do not use the shop and let us know what we can do to gain your custom.

Please write any suggestions in the **comments book** in the shop or speak to the person on duty.

## **Help the Shop to Thrive**

Here are some ways that you can help the shop to thrive:

- Use the shop regularly, even if only for an item or two
- Donate surplus garden produce
- Volunteer, either regularly or on an occasional basis
- Suggest lines which might be popular
- Use the Post Office
- Recommend us to your friends and neighbours
- Take over the care of one of our patio pots.

## **Book Swap and Lottery**

Now that we do not have the mobile library, our book swap is proving more popular than ever. Come in and have a browse.

The Bonus Ball Lottery is running well. If you would like to know more about it, please drop in or contact us by 'phone or email.

## **Social Media**

The store not only has its own web site <http://www.bishopscaundleshop.co.uk/> (where you can find a local 5-day forecast) but also a presence on Facebook and Twitter (@caundleshop). Jackie, Ceri and Glynis have taken on the role of editors and will be posting photos and items of interest for you to *Like* or *Share*. If you use social media, ask Jackie, Ceri or Glynis how you can join in.

## **Post Office Services**

Keeping our Post Office was felt to be very important and the application and refitting took a great deal of time and effort by several people. We are grateful to all those who worked so hard and to our customers for their continuing support.

The shop is paid a small amount for every transaction carried out. These small amounts build up and reduce the overall cost of running the Post Office so please use it.

Jackie runs the Post Office counter every day except Thursdays when Glynis is behind the counter. Liz and Carole help out occasionally when needed.

Now that so many bank branches are closing, it is good to know that you can carry out most banking transactions here in your shop. You can also top up your mobile phone or electricity key, pay bills, tax your vehicle, order foreign currency (we have Euros in stock) and do many other things including postage. The Multi Currency Travel Money Card is proving very useful for travellers - it saves you having to carry large amounts of currency or having to pay transaction charges if you use your credit or debit card abroad. The One4All gift cards are also popular - they can be spent in a very wide variety of high street stores.

## **Store Opening Hours**

Monday - Friday..... 07:00 – 17:00  
Saturday ..... 07:30 – 13:00  
Sunday ..... 08:00 – 10:30

## **Post Office Opening Hours**

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri ..... 09:00 – 12:00  
Wednesday ..... 09:00 – 11:30  
Saturday ..... 10:00 – 12:00

## **Green Fingered Volunteers**

Glynis is asking for volunteers to help with the pots and plants outside the shop, Please speak to her or leave your details in the shop if you are interested in helping.

## **Loan Repayments**

When the shop was set up some 8 years ago, many villagers lent significant sums of money to help to get the enterprise going. Last year we paid off the Co-op loan and, provided the shop continues to thrive, the committee thinks we could start to pay off some of the personal loans. We were very pleased to learn that many of the original loans have been donated entirely or in part. Many thanks for this generosity. We shall schedule repayment of outstanding loans when cash flow permits.

## **The Management Committee**

The following were elected to the Shop Management Committee at the AGM:

Chair	Liz Lyon
Vice-chair	Peter Blundell
Company Secretary	Bill Watts
Minutes Secretary	Carole Blundell
Licence and Risk	Pete Hobbs
Rosters	Ceri Reed
Publicity	Colin West

Dawn Loveless is the Shop Representative.

## **New Website for Parish Council**

You may be interested in the wider activities going on in Bishops Caundle. The new website at <http://www.bishopscaundleparishcouncil.org.uk> lists news and events as well as the usual council papers: accounts, agenda and minutes of meetings. If you have an item of interest, email the Parish Council: [bishopscaundleparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bishopscaundleparishcouncil@gmail.com)

**The store is here for you  
Can you be here for the store?**

*Bishops Caundle Community Store*